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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-30 are pending. Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 367,427 to Kogler in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,542,826 to Adams. Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 21, 22, 25 and 27-30 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten Claim 4 in independent form as amended Claim 1. Original Claims 3-6 have been cancelled. Previously presented Claim 21 has been cancelled. Previously presented Claim 22 has been amended to depend from Claim 1.

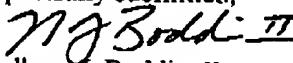
Applicant has rewritten Claim 5 in independent form as new Claim 31. New Claim 32 depends from independent Claim 31.

Applicant has rewritten Claim 10 in independent form as amended Claim 7. Original Claims 9-10 have been cancelled. Applicant has rewritten Claim 11 in independent form as new Claim 33. New Claim 34 depends from independent Claim 33.

To expedite allowance of the application, previously withdrawn Claims 12-20 are hereby cancelled, and previously presented Claims 23-28 are hereby cancelled.

The rejection of Claim 9 is obviated in that Claim 9 has been cancelled.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application, including Claims 1-2, 7-8, 11, 22 and 29-34, is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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